

# THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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## MOTHER'S DAY SUNDAY MAY 11th

### THE MOST BEAUTIFUL THING OF EARTH—MOTHER LOVE

Mrs. Bertie Harrison

I once heard a story of how our heavenly Father sent an angel to earth to search out and bring back the most beautiful thing this world possessed.

The angel came and began his search and found an American Beauty Rose. He took it back to the Father and the Father shook His head, and said, "No, there is something far more beautiful than the American Beauty Rose. Go back and try again." Once more he searched and this time he met a precious baby, and she looked at him and smiled. Surely I cannot be mistaken this time, so he took the baby smile and returned to the Father. Again He shook His head. "Go back," He said, "and this time I will help you in your decision."

He walked up and down the streets of a city one night and a voice said: "Go look in that window for a little while." As he looked he saw a fond mother tucking her infant child into its little crib, and as she did so the tears of joy and gratitude rolled down her cheeks as she thanked the Father for honoring her with motherhood. "This is very beautiful," said the angel, "but I will look a little further to make sure." On he went until the voice again said, "Here is another home, I want you to look into." As he looked he again saw a mother and child.

The child was ill and back and forth the mother carried him, bathing his fevered brow and speaking words of comfort. Occasionally he could hear her say, "Oh God, spare my child." All night long she carried him, never murmuring, never complaining. Her only thought being for the welfare of her precious child. The angel turned away strengthened in his belief that mother love was the most beautiful thing earth possessed.

On farther down the street he wandered when again that inner voice bade him stop and listen. He heard a trembling voice praying, and on stepping to the window saw an old gray-haired mother on her knees, praying for her wayward son, and beseeching her Father to return to her, her precious boy.

"Ah," said the angel, "I'm sure I have it now, but I am confident that Mother's prayer will be answered, and I must wait to see him come home."

Only a few days of waiting brought an answer to mother's prayer, and one day a ragged, forlorn looking young man came up the street and turned in at the gate and on to the door of his home. As he knocked the door swung open and mother's arms were about his neck, and tears of joy flowed down her cheeks. She closed the door upon the scene, but a few hours later on looking in at the window, he saw a table set with all the fine white linen of the home, the silverware, the beautiful cut glass, and everything that she could find to adorn that table was there. Then he could see her take down jar after jar of jellies, preserves and canned fruit on which his name was written. She said, "John, I cannot this for your home coming." Oh the joy in that mother's face as she served that boy whose very countenance showed dissipation, was enough to convince the angel that mother love was the most beautiful thing that earth possessed. It did not

take the dear heavenly Father long to give His smile of approval to the angel's decision.

It is for the comfort of these precious mothers who are scattered about over our land, going through battle after battle, without much notice from the world, that I direct my little message. The dear minister's wives who must watch beside the little flock, sometimes having just barely enough to keep soul and body together, while the husband goes out on the field to win souls for Jesus. Oh I believe that she will walk in side by side with him, as he brings in the sheaves and lays them at the Master's feet.

It's a wonderful thought when we realize that every darling baby who opens their little eyes in this world that we are living in, has a plan laid out for its life.

I have had people argue that this is not true, because some children come into the world uninvited and God has nothing to do with it. Yes this is true, but God makes even the wrath of man to praise Him. And while the parents of such children must suffer the disgrace, these precious little ones are just as pure and sweet, and God's great love is poured out upon them, and His plan just as perfect, as for those born under the best roof in all this world; and the young man or woman when grown is just as good as any other young man or woman if they belong to Jesus Christ. I believe God will condemn the person who looks with critical eye on such unfortunate ones.

I will remember back when a young mother I began to look into the faces of my precious babies, how as I bathed them and dressed their tiny figures, the big tears of joy and gratitude would roll down upon them, and I would look up into the face of my Father and say, Lord I give them back to Thee, to use as Thou seest best. Bless His name! Ah, God has a plan for them, and since that time my prayer, watered with many tears, has been that God would help them to find that plan for their lives and that they would accept it and go forth in His precious name to bless this troubled sin-cursed earth that we are living in.

One of the most wonderful callings God can give to woman-kind is motherhood, but sometimes some of us (who have been baptized with the Holy Ghost, and who have had the joybells ringing in our hearts and the burden so great for the salvation of poor lost sin-sick souls) feel as we cook the meals, sweep the floors, and perform the numerous duties the housewife is called upon to perform, that we are doing so little for the Master.

Oh, how wonderful that God has given us a work to do for Him, and that this is our little corner in this great world, a garden of beautiful flowers to cultivate for Him, and it is our duty to water it with care, and keep the little weeds of sin from springing up in the hearts of these little ones.

One day my little daughter asked me if she might go down the busy streets of Sacramento on an errand, and I said, "No dear, I couldn't think of allowing you to cross the busy streets alone." But she said, "Mother you have taught me

#### MEMORIES OF MOTHER

"My mother's hand is on my brow,  
Her gentle voice is pleading now;  
Across the years so marred by sin  
What memories of love steal in!

"Once more I see that look of pain,  
The anguish in those eyes again;  
My heart is sad, for well I know  
My sin has caused this bitter woe.

"While others scorned me in their pride,  
She gently drew me to her side;  
When all the world had turned away  
My mother stood by me that day.

"The memories of by-gone years,  
My mother's love, my mother's tears,  
The thought of all her constant care  
Doth bring the answer to her prayer.

"I'm coming home, by sin beset,  
For Jesus loves me even yet;  
My mother's love brings home to me  
The greater love of Cavalry.

"O mother, when I think of thee,  
'Tis but a step to Calvary;  
Thy gentle hand upon my brow  
Is leading me to Jesus now."

that Jesus would take care of me." Then I had to explain to her that, that was His way of taking care of her, that I was His instrument to protect her from danger, not only of body but of the soul, which is of much more value. Now can't we begin to see God's purpose for some of us who have been blessed with motherhood; but that may not be His full purpose for us.

Many times He gives us time and opportunity to help others who are weak in body and are not able to cultivate their little gardens, and we must not be selfish and just work and pray for our own, but as we take our little ones by the hands and lead them to Sunday school, we can perhaps lead others to the same place, and be able to reach out on every hand for the Master. There is a happy medium we may reach where our own will not be neglected and yet we'll have time for ministering to others.

On the other hand some may not have been blessed with motherhood but yet have a great place in life. God may have left them free that they may help win the souls of children and of men and women whose mothers and fathers have failed in cultivating their garden.

I have an acquaintance out in California who has no children and we were talking one day, and she said, "Oh I get so tired of doing nothing. I don't seem to be able to pass the time away. I go out once in a while and make some calls, go shopping, and sometimes to a picture show, but I get so tired of these things."

I tried to show her where there were hundreds right around her who needed sympathy and needed some one to point them to Christ, but she said, "I don't seem to know how to go about it." Oh what she needed was the baptism of the Holy Ghost to fill her with that love and compassion for lost humanity that Christ had.

There are thousands of women who are playing their time away, not realizing that God has a plan for their lives. They are going on after the things of this world and some day they will look back upon a life of sorrow, and regret that they have missed His great plan.

Then we must be careful lest

we become Martha's as we cultivate our garden, and give so much time to our children and our home that we forget to pray and sit at His feet like Mary. Oh it takes much time on our faces before Him for wisdom and guidance in the training of our children.

I have heard people say, I don't think I need the baptism of the Spirit, because I can never go out in the Lord's work. If there is any place in the world we need the baptism of the Holy Ghost, it is in the home with all the little perplexing and trying things to meet and overcome. It's the little foxes that spoil the vine. Then we need to sit at His feet and let Him help and direct our paths.

"Christ does not ask of us such busy labor,  
As leaves no time for resting at His feet;  
The waiting attitude of expectation,  
He often counts a service most complete."

One of the things that is causing so much sin among the children of today is the false modesty among the mothers. One way the devil plants the little seeds of distrust in the heart of the child is on finding that the mother has deceived them. I remember how when I was a child I heard so many of the sacred things of life from unclean lips, which implanted in my heart a curiosity that took away the sacred thought I might have had. When a young mother I made up my mind that my children should have these things from mother in a sacred way, and they did. At a very early age, as they came to me with questions, I told them in the most impressive way I possibly could, and God helped me to implant sacredness along with the information that has never lost its place in their hearts.

My dear parents taught me when a very small child that there was a Santa Clause. They meant well, God bless them. It was the custom of course and they like thousands of other dear parents did not realize what an impression it might make on me. When I learned there was no Santa Clause I immediately asked if there was a Jesus. I had been taught by the same parents that there was a Jesus. I wondered if some day I would awaken and find this untrue. I resolved a little later in life that I would teach my children that all good and perfect gifts cometh down from above.

It has been sixteen years since I received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Oh how He filled my soul with the glory of God and gave me a "go ye" spirit until it seemed my heart would break under the burden; and there as I swept the floor, cooked the meals and looked after my precious children, I would often cry, "Oh God, why is it when I'm so burdened for lost humanity that I am so tied down and shut in that I can't find time for the Lord's work?" Another verse of this same poem comes to me now.

"We sometimes wonder why our Lord doth place us  
Within a sphere so narrow, so obscure  
That nothing we call work can find an entrance,  
There's only room to suffer, to endure.

"Well God loves patient souls that dwell in stillness,  
Doing the little things, or resting quiet  
May just as perfectly fulfil their mission,  
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### Mother, Home and Heaven

By J. S. Llewellyn, Editor

Sunday, May 11th is Mother's Day.

This is a day in which we should all take a pleasant stroll through the fields of memory; and wandering in and out along the pathways of the past, we shall be able to gather for-gets-nots and other beautiful flowers and form them into a bouquet. With newly awakened memories of the pleasant days long gone by; we should all commemorate this day in reverence to our best and truest friend on earth. To many, the long absence of mother makes all the world a lonesome place. We feel a desire springing up within our hearts to hear her speak our name once more, and to feel the gentle touch of her loving hand that held us while we made our first step.

What an hour that was in the council chambers of heaven, when the thought of mother was conceived first in the heart of the Lord; when the wonderful plan was wrought to perpetuate humanity; to make the soul of mother, its shelter; and her heart, its cradle; lined by the love no mortal tongue can describe.

Truly a mother is a substantial proof of God. The very word "Mother" is a smooth velvet word; and the human mind can hardly conceive more pleasant words than "Mother, Home, and Heaven."

Man's first home was in the Garden of Eden; his last home should be Heaven. From the beautiful picture of the first and last Home, we may get a glimpse of what God does, and what His plan is concerning us and what our home should represent. God made the first and the last; man makes those between. Man has made his thousands of mistakes and blunders; but whether the home be built of rugged timber, and located in the caves; or whether it be a cave in the mountain steeps, or a canvass tent under the lonely oaks, or the humble cottage by the roadside, or a beautiful mansion on the hill built of chiselled stone; if the true love for home and the genuine respect for loved ones really exist, and the queen of the home is there it is genuinely Home Sweet Home.

"Mid pleasures and palaces,  
Where ever I roam;  
Be it ever so humble,  
There's no place like HOME."

God never loved us more than when he planned a home and provided for its happiness. His mighty heart must have throbbed with sympathy and good will, and His great love for the sons and daughters of men must have been aflame when He thought out and planned the home relationship, and when He conceived this place for rest, for shelter, for happiness and for love. Where is the garden to equal that garden of good will, in which the flowers of love open and grow? Where is the soil so fertile and friendly, to the seeds of virtue, as that sacred spot of earth that we call HOME? Truly man has never done anything more worth while than that sacred work of home building.

True genuine manhood has more to do with making a home happy than gold and silver; and true womanhood than great wardrobes of fashionable dress;

and the pure genuine character of both, than stocks and bonds. The house may be meagerly furnished, but the most important of all; let it be furnished with life, cheerfulness, love, patience, purity and peace; with honor, health, happiness, reason, righteousness and true religion. When all of this is arranged in systematic order, the house has become a home.

O, Mother's Love. Think of the mother and her child: the baby is in her arms; he lies quietly on her bosom; his little fingers play in her hair; his cheek lays on her cheek; his arm around her neck; his little feet trample her lap; his breath fans the fire of mother's love into a flame until it becomes visible on her careworn face. Long before he can talk his prattling voice speaks of love to her. What a beautiful picture! No wonder sculptors have chiselled this in marble and granite; artists have pictured it on canvass; poets have expressed it in song; orators have portrayed it in words of eloquence.

There are many beautiful sceneries in this world, but there is none to equal the beauty of the mother and her child. No one can love like a mother. Father may grow weary and impatient with his wayward boy, but a mother will reach through prison bars to touch her boy's hand; and while tears of grief course down her cheeks and her heart strings are almost breaking; yet she looks on him as she did when she rocked him in the cradle. Nothing can change a mother's love; though her wandering boy has radically changed since his childhood days. Though her boy may forget, yet mother never does. Though he may be forgotten by every one else, yet mother ceases to think of every one else but him. Mother still sings the cradle song, while her child for whom she sang is listening at the song of the angels and the music of heaven. Oh, if mother was here today I would try to show my love to her in a hundred ways, but she is gone; the sweetest little mother that ever lived slipped away one morning and went to live with Jesus. She prayed for God to save her boy from a drunkard's grave and an awful hell. Her prayers were heard and now by the help of God, I shall endeavor to be a blessing to other mother's boys.

O, sons and daughters, wherever you are, wherever you are, let us all join together for one time and thank God for mother. If she is living, express your love to her, if you are in a distant land, write her a good letter; if she is gone, refresh your memory of your mother's love and anxious care, and spend the day in solemn thought of Mother, Home and Heaven.

#### TESTIMONY

I want to praise God for the meeting that has just closed here. The Lord is still saving, sanctifying, and filling with the Holy Ghost.

We sure do appreciate Brother and Sister Johnson, he is a good pastor.

We have a good Sunday School and it is enlarging all the time. There are lots of young folks here and God blesses them good.

Rosa B. Murphy  
Tampa, Florida.



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would do well to get an ample  
supply of these books.

## IN MEMORY OF

"Blessed are the dead which  
die in the Lord."

### TIDEWELL

Mrs. Mae Tidwell was born  
May 4, 1880 and died Dec. 21,  
1923, age 43 years.

Her disease was caused by a  
cancer. She was sick about  
three or four months.

She was a loyal member of  
the Church of God four or five  
years, and enjoyed attending  
the meetings, and liked to read  
the Evangel.

She was kind to everybody,  
patient during her sickness, and  
was loved by all.

She is missed in the home.  
Words cannot express how  
lonely we are, as it's so sad to  
give her up, but God knows  
best.

The last words she said to her  
daughter were not to worry  
about her. She praised the Lord  
many times before her death.  
She leaves to mourn, a husband,  
one daughter, one sister, one  
brother and other relatives.

Many beautiful flowers were  
laid upon her grave. Her brother  
preceded her to that heavenly  
home about two years ago.

May God comfort our hearts.  
I want to meet her in Heaven  
some day.

There's no disappointment in  
Heaven,  
No weariness sorrow or pain;  
No hearts that are bleeding and  
broken,

No song with a minor strain.  
The clouds of our earthly hori-  
zon

Will never appear in the sky;  
For all will be sunshine and  
gladness.

With never a sob nor a sigh,  
There'll never be crepe on the  
door-knob.

No funeral train in the sky,  
No graves on the hillside of  
glory.

For there we shall never more  
die.

The old will be young there for-  
ever,  
Transformed in a moment of  
time;

Immortal we'll stand in His like-  
ness,  
The stars and the sun to out-  
shine.

Her loving daughter,  
Ethel Tidwell.

### PITTS

The death angel claimed  
Martha Pitts, the wife of R. L.  
Pitts, of Majette, Fla., March  
31, 1924.

She knew nothing of the  
Church of God and its teach-  
ings, but had the baptism of the  
Holy Ghost and was a member  
of the Pentecostal Church. She  
died with victory, and has gone  
to live with Jesus. She was  
loved by all who knew her.

She leaves to mourn her  
death a husband, one daughter  
ten years old, five brothers,  
two sisters and a host of friends.

The funeral service was con-  
ducted by Brother M. C. Curlee,  
and her body laid in the old  
family cemetery.

Her brother,

M. G. Barfield.

### LILLARD

On March 30, 1924 the death  
angel visited the home of Jim  
Lillard and claimed his loving  
wife, Maggie, age 32 years and  
11 months.

She was saved, sanctified,  
baptized with the Holy Ghost  
and a loyal member of the  
Church of God at Tyrone, Ark.

She leaves to mourn her  
death a husband, five children,  
five brothers, two sisters and a  
host of relatives and friends.

The funeral service was con-  
ducted in the Union Church by  
Brother J. O. Gilbert and her  
remains were laid in the Weber  
Cemetery to await the coming  
of Jesus.

A. R. Willingham,  
Tyrone, Ark.

### MOORE

On March 20, 1924 the death  
angel visited the home of W. T.  
Moore, and claimed his wife,  
Mrs. Ida Mae Moore; age 47  
years, 4 months and 20 days.

Sister Moore was sanctified,  
and was a member of the  
Church of God, at Angerona, W.  
Va.

She leaves to mourn over her  
absence; a husband, five chil-  
dren, four step-children, one  
grand-child, five brothers, one  
sister, and a host of friends.

"O 'twill be sweet to meet on  
that blest shore,  
All sorrow past, and pain for-  
ever o'er."

B. E. Drummond.

### MARCH

The death angel visited the  
home of Tony March and  
claimed Bertha, his dear wife,  
March 19, 1924.

She was saved, sanctified,  
filled with the Holy Ghost and  
a member of the Church of God  
at Lenore, W. Va. She was a  
light to all the people around  
her home, and will be greatly  
missed in the Church of which  
she was a true member; but our  
loss is Heaven's gain. The day  
before she died she had her  
neighbors called in; shouted and  
praised God; and said she was  
ready to meet Jesus.

She leaves to mourn her loss  
a husband, three children, a  
father, five brothers, six sisters,  
and a host of relatives and  
friends.

The funeral service was con-  
ducted by Brother Pearly Stepp  
and the writer.

An angel chorus from above,  
Welcomed our loved one  
there;

And in the heavenly courts of  
love,  
She is free from sorrow and  
care.

Her pastor,  
T. J. Meade.

### DICKERSON

Elizabeth Mae Woodruff Dick-  
erson was born July 18, 1886,  
and departed from this life Mar-  
ch 20, 1924.

Before her departure she tes-  
tified that she was ready to go.  
"No fear, no woe shall dim that  
hour"

## TESTIMONIES

"Ye Are My Witnesses"

I want to praise God tonight  
for victory over sin and Satan.  
I want to praise Him for heal-  
ing my body. I was feeling bad  
all day, but when I got alone  
with God He touched my body  
and Satan had to take his  
hands off. Praise God, it is  
wonderful. I trust Him and He  
is my all.

I do praise Him for saving,  
sanctifying and baptizing me  
with the Holy Ghost, with the  
Bible evidence according to  
Acts 2:4.

I wish I could tell the whole  
world how sweet He is to me,  
and what a kind friend He is,  
that sticketh closer than a  
brother. Praise His great name.  
How it pays to get alone with  
God.

Truly the fight is on and we  
have face to face battles with  
the enemy, but, praise God, we  
gain the victory through the  
precious blood of Jesus Christ.

Pray for us that God will bless  
and add to the great Church of  
God at Wilmington, Delaware.

Yours for lost souls,

J. M. S. Gowndy.

### VICTORY THROUGH- OUT THE WORK

Dear Editor and Saints—Greet-  
ings:

We want to praise our great  
King for what He is doing on  
No. 4 district. When we came  
on the work this year we started  
a meeting at Lawrenceville  
right away. After a hard battle  
of six weeks we closed with  
victory. Quite another prayed  
through to victory. Twelve  
were baptized with the Holy  
Ghost according to Acts 2:4  
and fifteen were added to the  
Church.

We praise God for the kind  
reception the people of Law-  
renceville gave us, both the  
Church and friends. They are  
certainly as big, noble hearted  
bunch of folks as I ever met.  
May God bless and protect  
them.

After closing this meeting  
we went six miles west to  
Bridgeport and God opened  
for us a small store building  
for meetings, and after labor-  
ing five weeks God certainly  
gave us the victory. About  
thirty souls were saved, several  
received the Holy Ghost and  
the Church was set in order  
with eighteen members, and  
others to follow.

Brother H. V. Lawson of  
Ohio, wife and I were about  
the only ministers in the meet-  
ing, but we had some good  
help from other churches.  
Brother Lawson did most of the  
preaching, and the Lord blessed  
him good in the efforts he put  
forth. He was appointed pastor  
of this Church.

Wife and I had to leave for  
other fields right after the  
Church was set in order. Brother  
Lawson still continues the  
meeting and souls are still  
getting blessed. This is a new  
field.

We can report one new  
Church and victory through-  
out the work on No. 4 district.  
R. A. Fielden, Dist. pastor.

That manifests the Saviour's  
power."

B. E. Drummond.

### HARPER

On Monday, March 31, 1924  
the death angel visited the home  
of J. D. Harper and wife and  
claimed their darling baby boy,  
age 1 year and 9 months.

He will be sadly missed on  
earth but we hope to meet him  
in Heaven. May his parents  
get ready to meet their darling  
by and by.

His uncle,  
Dean Watson, Atlanta, Ga.

### HUETT

On March 30, 1924 the death  
angel visited the home of Broth-  
er and Sister Huett of Center  
Hill, Fla. and claimed their baby,  
age 9 months. It was laid to rest  
in the Center Hill Cemetery to  
await the resurrection morning.  
The funeral service was con-  
ducted by Evan C. Merritt.

### REQUESTS

Please pray that God will  
deliver my husband from the  
desire for tobacco and that he  
will get salvation. Mrs. I. W.  
Hutsell, Crab Orchard, Tenn.

I want to praise the Lord for  
the good meeting we had, con-  
ducted by our State Overseer.  
Our souls were fed with good  
spiritual food. We are sure  
pleased with our overseer. Our  
district overseer was here too,  
which was appreciated. We do  
like the true blue gospel they  
both preached and we like the  
way they stand for the Church  
of God. One soul was saved.  
They left lots of hungry souls,  
so pray the Lord will send some  
one to hold a meeting. Come if  
you are a loyal member. Pray  
for this place. Writes Clara  
Monds, Christopher, Ky.

I want to sound a note of  
praise through the Evangel. I  
can report victory in my  
soul, still love Jesus and have  
a determination to go all the  
way with Him. I intend to  
follow Him until He says, "It  
is enough, come up higher. You  
have been faithful over a few  
things, I will make you ruler  
over many." Praise the Lord!

Pray much for me as I mean  
to lift Jesus up, and do all I  
can for Him. He has been so  
good to me. He saved my soul  
from sin, sanctified me with  
His precious blood and bap-  
tized me with the walking,  
talking Holy Ghost with the  
Bible evidence of speaking in  
tongues. (Acts 2:4.) He also  
added me to the great Church  
of God. Hallelujah!

I am glad that I heard the  
words, "Without holiness no  
man shall see the Lord," and  
accepted salvation when I did.

Friends, if you haven't sal-  
vation, please repent of your  
sins and get rid of Satan. Je-  
sus says it is not His will that  
any should be lost but all come  
to repentance.

Please remember me in your  
prayers. Also pray for the  
Church of God at Pittsburg, Ill.  
We are getting along fine. Ev-  
erybody come to Pittsburg and  
help us shout the victory.  
Come any time. You will be  
welcome.

A sister,

Emma Edmonds,  
Pittsburg, Ill.

I am so glad that I feel good in  
my soul.

Unto us a Savior was born,  
that we who sat in darkness  
might come to the true light.  
Thank God for Jesus. I am a  
member of the Church of God  
and proud of it.

I have never had any trou-  
bles on the inside of her walls,  
but my troubles all come from  
the outside.

Thank God we are account-  
ed worthy to suffer shame for  
His name.

I ask all the saints to pray  
for the Church at Anniston,  
Ala. that we may have a  
church house built here in a  
short while. We have a 50x100  
ft. lot paid for, and \$100.00 in  
cash; so we ask the Elders and  
the Church of God everywhere  
to pray that we will be able to  
raise two or three hundred  
dollars that we may im-  
mediately start to building.

I am twenty-eight years old  
and have resolved to give my  
life and my earnings to the  
Lord. I have a wife unsaved.  
Please help me pray for her  
until God saves, sanctifies and  
baptizes her with the Holy  
Ghost, that we might be equal-  
ly yoked together.

A. P. Holloway, Anniston, Ala.

### PAUL'S SERMON TO THE JEW AND GENTILE IN ANTIOCH. (THE JE- SUS IS CHRIST.)

In Acts 13:41 we find these  
words: "Behold, ye despisers,  
and wonder, and perish: for I  
work a work in your days, a  
work which ye shall in no wise  
believe, though a man declare it  
unto you."

First we find by studying the  
Word of God, that Antioch is a  
large town down in Syria. It  
was first the capital of the  
Greek kings of Syria, and later  
the Roman governor's province;  
which bore the same name.

Acts 13:14 we read, that this  
trip to Antioch, was Paul's and  
Barnabas' first missionary trip.  
Barnabas was given this name  
as his surname; by the Apostles.  
Acts 11:19-26, tell us that  
Barnabas went to Tarsus, (the

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### AM I MY BROTHER'S KEEPER?

(Gen. 4:9.)

Ever since sin entered the  
heart of man he has sought to  
evade responsibility. Adam said  
the woman was to blame, and  
insinuated that God was to  
blame for giving her to him. The  
woman said the serpent was to  
blame.

Man has in all ages sought an  
excuse for wrong doing. This is  
not only so in regard to wifil  
sin, but also in regard to omis-  
sion of known duties and obliga-  
tions.

Cain had been asked a very  
serious question, and yet not  
serious at all except for the res-  
ponsibility.

The text is a very blunt and  
disrespectful answer. "Am I my  
brother's keeper?" It was an  
attempt to hide his guilt, to  
cover his sin.

His answer was quickly fol-  
lowed by another question.  
"What hast thou done?" Then  
follows the awful charge. "The  
voice of thy brother's blood  
crieth unto me from the  
ground." Then the awful pen-  
alty. "Thou art cursed from the  
earth, which hath opened her  
mouth to receive thy brother's  
blood from thy hand." Again,  
"A fugitive and a vagabond  
shalt thou be in the earth."

Then we see in Cain the awful  
judgment of sin. You say, Ah,  
well what has that to do with  
the text? Much every way. You  
may not have taken a weapon  
and murdered your brother af-  
ter the same example, but let us  
see if there will not be a similar  
requirement of people's blood at  
our hand if we are not faithful  
to our commission.

Jesus said, "Go ye therefore,  
and teach all nations, baptizing  
them in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy  
Ghost; teaching them to observe  
all things whatsoever I have  
commanded you; and, lo, I am  
with you always, even unto the  
end of the world." Matt. 28:19,  
20.

We readily see by this pas-  
sage, that Jesus has commis-  
sioned his ministers to the stu-  
pendous task of carrying the  
glad news of salvation to all the  
nations of the earth, and not  
only so, but they are made re-  
sponsible for instructing them in  
everything that is necessary to  
a godly life.

Now let me refer you to an-  
other passage, "If thou shalt  
confess with thy mouth the the  
Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in  
thine heart that God hath raised  
him from the dead, thou shalt  
be saved. For with the heart  
man believeth unto righteous-  
ness; and with the mouth con-  
fession is made unto salvation."  
\*\* \* For whosoever shall call  
upon the name of the Lord shall  
be saved." We understand by  
this statement that salvation  
comes by faith and it is also  
stated that, "Faith cometh by  
the hearing of the word."

Then comes the questions  
which are reasonable; and  
which places the responsibility  
not only upon the ministry, but  
upon all of God's people. Notice,  
"How then shall they call on  
him in whom they have not be-  
lieved? and how shall they be-  
lieve in him of whom they have  
not heard? and how shall they

hear without a preacher? and  
how shall they preach except  
they be sent?" (See Rom. 10.)  
You see by these Scriptural  
statements that the world will  
never know of Christ and His  
salvation unless God's people  
send it to them. And how is this  
done? First, God lays His hand  
on His chosen vessels and calls,  
qualifies, and equips them with  
the Holy Ghost power necessary  
to such a calling; but do you  
know that He calls upon the  
laity to send them?

We all have a part in this  
glorious, but difficult task. There  
is responsibility here and it  
rests alike on each of us: the  
preacher might be ready and  
willing to go; the nations are  
ready and willing to hear; but  
if the laity fails to supply the  
means, the whole scheme falls  
down.

Let me ask you to sit down,  
and from memory figure up all  
you have done to send the gos-  
pel to this lost world, compare  
it with what you have spent for  
needless and often injurious  
gratifications of the flesh; then  
figure approximately that 300,  
000 souls have plunged into  
eternity every year since you  
were a Christian. How would  
you like to face these teeming  
thousands who have died with-  
out any knowledge of Christ,  
and let them see what you have  
sacrificed to save them?

Let me repeat the text to you  
again, "Am I my brother's keeper?" What have you done to  
keep him out of hell? Methinks  
I hear from millions of Christ-  
less graves the voice of our  
brother's blood going up to the  
throne of God, testifying that  
they are lost at our hands, be-  
cause we did nothing to rescue  
them. Then let those who have  
been respondent to the churches  
call, do more than ever; let  
those who have been hitherto  
careless and indifferent bestir  
themselves and contribute to  
this worthy cause.

Glad mission day, first mission  
day,  
When Jesus left His throne;  
Came on this earth a while to  
stay,  
To make salvation known.

Not His own will He came to do,  
His Father's will did own;  
He paid the debt by sinners due,  
And purchased them a home.

No place on earth to lay His  
head,  
No place to call His home,  
By all forsaken, with the mob  
He tread,

To receive the crown of  
thorns.  
Through hands and feet the  
nails were driven,  
His drink was vinegar and  
gall;

'Tis finished! Yes, the way to  
heaven,  
Is open and free to all.

The suffering Christ an example  
gave,  
That we in His steps should  
tread,  
That others might know His  
power to save,

With us rejoice and be glad.  
His mission spirit to us impart,  
That we might go or send,  
'Till all the nations with a glad,  
glad heart,  
Will shout and say, Amen.

J. B. Ellis.

birthplace and early residence of  
Paul, who in those days was  
called Saul; and was especially  
raised up to preach to the Gen-  
tiles. Now, these two men start-  
ed back to the town of Antioch,  
which was in close touch with  
the Apostolic church; as the  
first Apostolic church was  
founded here. In the early his-  
tory, Jews were settled there in  
large numbers; and they had  
the same privileges, with the  
Greeks. Now, here were the two  
classes of people, the "Jew" and  
the "Gentile." The "believer"  
and the "unbeliever." The be-  
liever is the Gentile.

Here Paul began to preach  
about the Christ which the Jew  
did not believe in and never  
heard about Him; in the light  
that Paul was preaching, which  
was given him thro' the Holy  
Ghost. No doubt, he told them

how Jesus had died for the  
atonement of their sins; rose  
from the grave and was as-  
cended to His Father, and that  
"He was preparing a place for  
those who accept Him, with  
their whole heart. And how He  
would receive them unto Him-  
self, and how they could have  
their bodies quickened with the  
Spirit thru' the Holy Ghost;"

and be raised up from the grave,  
even as "He arose from the  
grave." That thru' the quick-  
ening of the Holy Spirit, we  
would meet Him in the air at  
His coming; at the first resur-  
rection.

He said He was coming back  
again; even as He went away.  
No doubt Paul was performing  
miracles thru' the Holy Ghost,  
but yet they did not believe.  
Just as it is today; God

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# Foreign Mission Day Sunday May 11th

## LETTER FROM CHINA

Tsinanfu, Shantung, China.  
Beloved Friend and Co-worker:  
Grace, mercy and peace be multiplied unto you and your household from the whole Church of God in China.

I must first ask your forgiveness for waiting so long to write to some of you who sent us offerings during the past few months, but as I explained in an open letter to the Evangelist some time ago, I was not at all well for several months and the children also had various ailments and required much of my time and attention, to say nothing of the duties of the mission work, so it seemed for a time that my correspondence had to be laid aside altogether. Then the situation looked so dark out here, and no sign of new workers coming out to take over any of the responsibility, so I hardly knew what to write.

Well, we are praising God out here now for the way He is working and clearing up things all around, so we cannot help but believe Him to work out ALL things together for our highest good and His glory. A few nights ago as I sat in the meeting and heard the different ones get up and confess sins which the Spirit had convicted them of, I thought what would the outsiders think of such meetings as we had been having for the past few days: so many getting up in every service and telling bad things they had been guilty of in the past. It would seem like a funny meeting, and many professed Christians would not understand it; but, praise God, this is the Bible way; and I do love to see souls clean up who start in this way.

The Chinese New Year holidays have been on for some time and business has been suspended for days. This is the greatest time of the year with the Chinese. Before the old year closed they were all exceedingly busy collecting old debts, and often it is not very easy. A person can borrow and go in debt all during the year and only make partial payments; but when the year is about to pass out they all get very busy collecting up what is due them, so they can pay up, for they say these things cannot pass into the New Year. The new Christians have a hard time at this time as they naturally don't like to press people too much, yet they MUST settle their obligations. The old Christians have learned to pay more as they go and not get balled up like that, yet in China, where there is so much superstition and works of the devil carried on all the time, you can imagine what a task it is to get the people out of all these things. Of course only the power of the Holy Ghost is able to do it, yet we have to be faithful in teaching them. It is very different from doing mission work at home in our beloved America. Here the habits and customs of the people are so different to America and when they become Christians they know so little. For instance, a few Sundays ago a man who had just come and says he wants to believe in Jesus; heard the others testifying to how the Lord had blessed and helped them in so many ways; so he got up and asked us to pray for him to get victory over an affair in which he was taking some one to jail. One sister got up and was talking in such a long drawn out manner, (but we were trying to be patient with her) about when she first believed in the Lord, that she thought she must use less of the false worship that year; and then how she finally gave it all up; and the trouble she would have as she is supposed to pay something occasionally toward the upkeep of the street god near her home. Brother Ma Tsai Kwan, felt she was taking too much time, so he got up and said, why of course, we have all quit all that long ago, converted people don't do those things; and as though every body knew they didn't and

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## "GO YE"

Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. Mark 15:16. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and the Holy Ghost. Matt. 28:19.

This command to go, as we all know was given after Jesus had gone to the cross, and spilt His life's blood for the redemption of this lost world, not a part of it, and then arose triumphant over death, hell, and the grave for all the world; then He met with His eleven apostles, and gave this command. How are we treating this one among His last commands?

In Jno. 14:15 He says, "If ye love me, keep my commandments, and in Jno. 14:23 we hear Him say, "If a man love me he will keep my Word."

So let's measure up by His Word (the command to go) and see how much we love Him. Paul says, "Not because I desire a gift; but I desire fruit that may abound to your account."

Jesus says in Matt. 6:19, "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth where moth, and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal."

To give, go or send are some of the means by which we can do this. Some can't go. Well they can help send those who can go. Some one has to go, others of us who can may give of our means to send them, and support them on the field. And we can all pray for those who go, and for the work of the Master who said, and is still saying, "Go." Let's make some sacrifice to send; let's give till we feel it.

Your remember Jesus commended the poor widow, because she put into the treasury all the living she had. She put into God's work till it hurt. How many of us do that? God is looking for service rendered because of love; even service that causes self-sacrifice.

Jesus made a sacrifice for those who never have heard of Him, even sacrificed His home in Heaven for thirty-three years; came to this dark, sin-cursed earth, that those of heathen lands might be saved; went back to the Father, and left us here to tell this wonderful gospel message to others. Yes; to the heathen, and says to you and to me GO. Many say, "I can't go," but we all can go. God never requires any thing of us we can't do, for that would be unjust. We can go in person, or give of our means to send and help those who can go, and do go in person. There are those of us who can't give but they can pray; pray for those who go, for the work there, and for God to put it in to heart of those who can give of their means to do so. We can't get along without much prayer.

May God help us to open our eyes, and look on the fields already white to harvest, and then see, and do our duty.

Some don't believe in sending missionaries to foreign lands. They say there are plenty of heathen all around us. But Jesus says for us to go into all the world and we must go or disobey, and we can't afford to disobey on this line any more than we can along any other line.

The heathen must have the gospel preached to them. We are responsible to God for this. The Church of God is the only organization that has, or believes the whole truth, and Jesus gave the command to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. To the Church of God was given this command. What are we doing? Are we doing our best? That is what God expects, and requires.

The Church of God is missionary and if I am not, if you are not, we lack just that much of being Church of God material.

May God stir us more, and more, till every one of us will do our whole duty along this and all other lines. It seems to me that we are not half awake along this line. We want Jesus to come, we want to see Him in His beauty. Don't we? Well we must work to bring Him back, and this is one way.

This gospel must go, somebody must go, somebody has got to open their pocket-books; and somebody must pray as never before.

This command was given to the Church of God and she must bestir herself as never before. There are many who have never heard.

Paul tells us in Rom. 10:13-15 "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Then he says, "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach except they be sent?" In 1 Cor. 9:14, we read "The Lord hath ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel."

So God has fixed it so we can all be co-laborers with Him in the salvation of this lost world. Those of us who have to stay at home are just as necessary as those who go, for we must work by praying, and giving that this gospel may be preached in all the world.

I hope we see to some extent at least, the importance of giving of our means that those whom God has called may go, and then supported after they are on the field. There is sacrifice for us all, but it should be a love sacrifice. Those who go must sacrifice homes of comfort, loved ones, Christian association at least for a while, and many things too numerous to mention. Those who stay at home must sacrifice money, and time to pray and intercede for them, and for the heathen.

In Isa. 59:16 we find that God wonders why there are no intercessors; so we see the importance of prayer, really interceding with God for our missionaries, that the great God of heaven may give them help in every way to enable them to win those heathen to Him.

God in His great love, and wisdom has given us all some thing to do, and He expects us to do it, and, too, He wants our service to be a love service. Let's be faithful in what He gives us to do, or we will loose, not only in this life; but in the life to come. It will pay us to do without something we need, that is sacrifice. We are responsible to God, and to the heathen, and must do our best.

My heart has been made sad as I have gone from church to church, and seen how indifferent some of our preachers are about preaching on missions, and taking an offering for the cause of the gospel, among the heathen, on the days set aside by the Assembly, thus disobeying God's command in two respects; for He says for us to obey them who have the rule over us; and then He says go. Some of our preachers are guilty before God on these lines, and His great eye sees it. Somebody is going to have to repent, get forgiveness and do better, or they will have to meet this at the great day when everything is brought to light.

And too, the Assembly asks on the second Sunday in every month that every member of the church give at least ten cents for the missionary cause. Of course, neither the church nor God makes you or me do this, but can we face God with a clear conscience, and a happy shining face, if we can and don't do it? As for myself I will not risk it.

We must stir up; the gospel must go to the ends of the earth; and God requires it of His church; so we must get busy in every way to clear ourselves before God. May God stir us more, and more till we will be so filled with fire,

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## SHE HATH DONE WHAT SHE COULD

Mrs. Evie E. Carroll  
When Jesus saved, sanctified, and filled me with the Holy Ghost He placed a love in my heart for everybody, His word, and a hunger, and burden for lost souls to get saved.

I saw in the Evangel of a Sister who gave some chicken (or receipts of same) to the Foreign Missions. This gave me a thought, and I am doing likewise. I have saved four dollars, (\$4.00), and am giving it to the Foreign Missions; besides, I pay my tithes.

We should answer the Call of God, though we can't go preach the Gospel ourselves; though we have not so much personality, to get in the Higher Ranks of society and tell them about this Jesus; "We can live humble and give our

little to those that can go, and God will sure not forget to reward us for same. Praise God!

When we make up our minds to give to this cause, the next thing; we will have a great discouragement from the devil. He will come around making all kinds of excuses, to make us "Not to see, the importance of this work." We need to say (as we did when seeking for salvation) "Get behind me Satan." We promised the Lord if He would give us this salvation we would help carry the news to other folks. And I find this is one way to help. Praise our God!

When this life's work is done it would make us feel good to hear the Words of Jesus: "She hath done what she could." But it would be sad to hear the Words, "Slothful and unprofitable servant," and the word depart.

Now is the time to send up a good record to God; that when we get there, all will be well.

Let us do our part for the missionaries.

## THE GOD IN YOUR HOME

She was a dainty slip of a Japanese girl. Her bright wondering eyes looked out in interested query at all the things in the great, wonderful American college. The girls called her "Cherry Blossom", for she seemed like a bloom from a favorite cherry tree, which had been blown across the ocean by the wind of a sunrise.

"She fairly absorbs knowledge, and adopts our American customs in a most charming way", writes a classmate to her mother, and asks if she may bring Cherry Blossom home with her to spend the holidays.

When Christmas time came dainty little Cherry Blossom was all aglow over the thought of spending the holidays with her friend in her home. She had been inside the great schools and colleges in America. She had seen the art galleries and the public buildings. She had been in many churches, but the thing she longed for most of all was to see the inside of a Christian home.

The first Christmas time in America was a wonderful holiday season to the little Cherry Blossom from Japan; but soon the last of those vacation days came, and Mrs. Clark stood in her room with her hands on the shoulders of the little Japanese girl, she had learned to love. She said, "Now tell me before you go, my dear little Cherry Blossom, how do you like the way American folks live; are you homesick; are you weary of sitting on chairs and sleeping in beds; wearing shoes all day long, and being bothered with knives and forks and spoons?" (The child laughed.) "Oh, I love it," she said clapping her hands, "It is so fine," she cried, "Your home is wonderful," and her eyes grew suddenly wistful. "But," she said and hesitated, "What is it," said Mrs. Clark, encouragingly. "There is one thing I miss," said the girl with a far away look in her eyes, "that makes your home seem queer to me. You know I have been with you to your

## REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

"Let your requests be made known unto God"

Rosa Morris, Branford, Fla., requests prayer that she may be reclaimed. She once had the Holy Ghost, May God bless her heart.

J. W. Wilkins, requests prayer for Brother V. A. Purcell, Atlanta, Ga., that he may be healed of bronchial trouble. Saints pray.

I want all the saints to pray that I may learn the whereabouts of my son. He ran away from home, and I don't know where he is. He is my baby child, has dark hair, brown eyes, and is about 5 ft. 6 in. tall; weighs 115 pounds. His name is: Olie Vestan Dew Berry. Saints please pray that I may learn where he is and that he may be saved.

Mrs. Rena Williams, Spence, Miss.

## NOTICE

We will have Home Coming service at Thorn Church, Miss., the 4th Sunday in May. We are expecting Brother Z. D. Simpson, our State Overseer to be present; and we want all the members to be sure and come, with a bright testimony. Should any not be able to come, please write your testimony to be here. J. C. Lentz, District Pastor.

E. Haynes, overseer of Ohio and Michigan, who has had to be away from his field of labor for some time on account of his wife being sick, is now on the field. Those desiring to write him may address him at Walbridge, Ohio.

Those having offerings for him should send them to him at once, as his expenses will be heavy for some time. Let me insist that the Churches stand by him.

F. J. Lee.

## Correction

My address is 416 Harmon Street, instead of 416 Horner Ave. as given in the 1924 book of minutes.

Nannie Walker, Evangelist, 416 Harmon Street, Augusta, Ga.

church, and seen you worship your God there, but I have missed the God in your home. You know in Japan we have a god shelf in every home and keep the god right in the home. Do not any Americans worship their God in their homes?"

All that afternoon Mrs. Clark was strangely silent. The innocent question of her departing guest had gone straight to her heart like an arrow, with an overwhelming accusation. Her thought flew back over the busy years to those days when she first had a home of her own, and a time and place for the worship of God in her home, then the thousand distractions of a large household, and a busy life had been crowded in and the God of her home had been crowded out. She had not meant for this to be so. As she thought of it all a great longing filled her heart, and a firm conviction took possession of her. That day she talked with each member of her home alone, and that night the altar of her God was set up in her home again.

Let us all go and do likewise who have allowed Him to be crowded out. Selected. I. J. York.

## CALLED TO CHINA

Dear Evangel Readers—Greetings in Jesus' Name:

I want to sound a note of praise for my blessed Redeemer this evening, and to tell of my missionary call. I am saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost and feel His abiding presence just now. Hallelujah!

A little over a year ago, while under the mighty power of God, I received a very definite call of the Spirit, saying, "Go in China." Since that time I have been studying, trying to prepare myself for the work to which I am called; and I desire the prayers of all the Evangel readers that I may so study and prepare myself in every way, that I may be ready for the mission field sometime in 1925, or as soon after as possible. Your brother in Christ, D. W. Pannell, Roswell, Ga.

Georgia Jackson, Dillon, S. C. requests that prayer be offered for her husband, that he may be saved; and that she will stand true to God.

Ella Mae Carter, Odum, Ga., requests that the saints pray that she may be healed and be true to Jesus, to the end.

Rachel Rumbley, Blythe, Ga., requests that prayer be offered for Mrs. Dena Beasley who is sick; and medicine has failed to heal. She is trusting in God, and wants salvation. Also remember Brother James Martin in your prayers; that he may be healed of the mumps.

Bonnie Murphy, Owensboro, Ky., requests: I have spine trouble, and suffer with my right side and back until I can hardly rest at night, (I sleep till about one or two o'clock, and then I have to sit up) and I desire all the saints who know the value of prayer, to pray for my healing.

In the last "Helps for the Tempted" department we quoted the Scripture, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee," and gave Jesus as the author; when Isaiah the prophet spoke these words.

This mistake occurred by oversight and not by lack of knowledge.

TENNESSEE CONVENTION  
REMEMBER THE CONVENTION TO BE HELD AT EAST CHATTANOOGA, MAY 16-18.

We are arranging a nice program for the meeting. Brother F. J. Lee, General Overseer, is to be there; and many churches are expected to be represented. I would be glad for each church to prepare a banner. We expect to have exercises by the churches, similar to what we have at the Assembly, by the states. We have some interesting subjects by able speakers. Come, praying, expecting a good time.

M. W. Letsinger, State Overseer.

On May 5th there will begin a meeting at Clyde, N. C., conducted by Brother E. C. Gault, from Kannapolis, N. C. Pray God's blessings upon this meeting. R. A. Huskey, pastor.

## MOTHER'S DAY

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Be just as useful in the Father's sight.

"As they who grapple with some giant evil, clearing a path that every eye may see.

Our Savior cares for cheerful acquiescence, rather than for a busy ministry."

I am understanding more and more His plan for me, thank God, and some sweet day, dear tempest-tossed ones, God will reveal His plan so clearly to us, that the joy of the Lord will swell our souls as He lifts the veil and allows us to look back over all the way He has led us. And then as we wait before Him, He will unfold a beautiful crown all studded with stars, and a garment of fine needlework. Ah, we thought we would have no stars, because we were not permitted to be on the battlefield. Where Lord did these come from? My precious child, He said, You have won these by allowing me to work out my plan in your life. So it isn't so much where we are, or what we are doing as it is, am I in the Lord's will? Bless His name!

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is performing His works thru' the Real Saints of God and folks hate and despise demonstrations and the power of God, yet wonder at it. They look on time after time, and do not believe the Spirit of God, and wonder at it; and at last, they will perish from the continued neglect and rejecting God, and His power. The days of His miracles and works are not passed. Praise God!

We, the chosen saints thru' the Holy Ghost, are declaring His works. We have some folks today like the Jew and Gentile; some believe and some do not believe.

"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved and he that believeth not shall be damned." Bertha G. Shideler.



# Reports From The Field

We have had a great revival at Albuquerque, N. Mex., and many beliefs that the devil has been scattering have been stopped. Praise God!

After much prayer to God, the blessings came, and the devil had to leave. We turned the battle over to our Jesus and He fought it for us. "We are on our way to Glory, praise the Lord."—O. J. Plake, Albuquerque, N. Mex.

KINSTON, N. C.—The Church which was set in order here in October, 1923, is doing fine. We now have thirteen members and more looking this way. We have no church house to worship in, but we hope to have one soon.—J. H. Parmore.

BOGALUSA, LA.—We have just closed a four weeks meeting at Bogalusa, La., where there were six baptized with the Holy Ghost, several saved and sanctified, and five came in the Church. Praise God! The Lord is blessing in the hard places, as well as others.—Florida Brown.

DETROIT MICH.—We had a wonderful service Easter Sunday—though the weather was rainy and cold—while it was raining outside, God's blessings were raining inside. Sunday night just as we began service our State Overseer—Brother Haynes came; who preached for us, and God blessed our souls good. Some have probably been thinking (as the report was rumored) that we had gone off with the dividing faction of the Church. But I don't see but two sides of the Church—the inside and the outside. Well, we are on the inside. We're sorry for the division that has arisen, but we can't afford to leave the Church. M. P. Cross, 6251 Avery Ave., Detroit, Mich.

PRINCETON, W. VA.—The Princeton District Convention convened April 3rd with most of the preachers present for service. The writer gave the welcome address taking for his lesson 1 Jno. 3; giving the brief cause for a district convention, and the way to make people feel they were welcome. Our State Overseer sang, "I Shall See My Savior;" followed with a sermon by Brother Fowler—"Prodigal Son."

Service was opened Friday evening as usual. Brother Bun E. Hicks preached a sermon on "Living Sacrifices," followed with a brief discourse by Brother Simmons on same subject. We then adjourned till Saturday.

Saturday, service was opened at 10:00 A. M. with songs and prayer; followed with report of Churches, as follows: Kellyville, Leckie, McDowell, Clear Fork, Coalwood, Gary, Lester, Besoco, Dorothy, Clear Creek, and Princeton. Brother York and others, representing the southern part of the district, came to the platform and sang, "Press Along." The Lord blessed. Following this was a sermon by Brother B. E. Drummond, from Parkersburg, W. Va., text, "Latter Rain;" Joel 2:23.

Brother York gave a discourse on "What Will the Harvest Be." At the evening service Brother Ras Clowers preached on the subject, "God's Plan for the Ministry," followed with a sermon by the writer.

Sunday morning we had Sunday School, followed with lecture by Brother Hicks on "Father and Mother Training Their Children." After this Brother Drummond gave a discourse on "Pride;" followed with a sermon by Sister Lucy Turner, "The Bride of Christ."

Evening service began as usual. We had a soul stirring testimony service, followed with a sermon by Brother E. L. Simmons, "Model Church."

Convention closed with hand shakes and good-byes.—F. W. Rollins, District Overseer, Princeton, W. Va.

ATLANTA, GA.—Friday night Feb. 22, the Church of God at this place met in their regular services. a sister was conducting the testimony meeting, sud-

denly the Spirit began to fall and like as of fire was seen by some to play over the heads of the saints; everywhere the fire would move the saints would rise under the power with a shout, and dance with great ecstasy of joy. This continued for about thirty minutes, then all was calm and a stillness seemed to settle down upon the congregation, bringing conviction with it.

Sunday night Feb. 24, the first one received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. The meeting gained in velocity as it went, as high as seven getting the baptism in one day; there was such a wave of conviction we didn't need to preach, in fact, didn't have time to; just have a few testimonies then tell the people to "Come seek the Lord" and they would fill the altar.

We've seen many revivals but none have excelled this one. God has vindicated His Church in this town; our enemies have blown to the wind, following any old thing that comes along.

No one need tell me Pentecost is over, it has just begun. Preach the Word and see God work.

Sunday night, March 23, was another great outpour; the place where we were assembled seemed to be shaken; every one seemed to rise at the same time, and such joy and manifestation of the Spirit we never have seen; some of our young folks are seeing visions as in days of old.

In all, fifty-five received the baptism of the Holy Ghost (we lost count of the number saved and sanctified), and forty-five were added to the church. A. Gann.

CARBON HILL, ALA.—I was consigned to this work, and at first was very much discouraged on the account of there being so few saints here; and the few that would attend. I first felt restrained from coming to Carbon Hill, for fear of not getting support. I would cry, sing, pray to God, and talk to the few that came; till God got hold of sinners and brought them out; and of course God provides the support, and I'm happy! Someone said the Church was going down, but I believe it's going to rise till it meets Jesus in the air; and forever shall we be with the Lord. We have redeemed the parsonage that was sold for its debt; and I am now living in it. It is truly wonderful how the Lord provides for His children, when they trust and obey Him. We have a nice Sunday school here too. During the time from March 30th to April 21st, the attendance has increased from fifty-three to one hundred and twenty. O, I praise God for the way he is blessing the children; and it behooves us to teach the children the Bible and the right way to live, so when they are older they can take on the responsibilities of life and successfully carry them. The children of today will some day be the executives of the government, and it is the duty of the parents to teach them to love and serve God.

I have written probably more than space would admit, but, I want the folks to know that the Church at Carbon Hill, Ala., is not going down, but up; till in Heaven.—Clyde Dodds.

CLEARFORK, W. VA.—Belle Blankinship reports: Brother Thomas Robnett and I have just closed a three-days meeting here. There were many blessings poured out on the saints and there were many hungry hearts. We have a nice Sunday school. It has increased from 15 to 60. Pray that it will continue to grow and do a great work.

ODUM, GA.—Sister Bera McMillan reports: We are still having ladies prayer meeting on Thursday afternoon at Mr. D. W. Westberry's home. Two have been reclaimed and more seeking; so pray for us.

Sunday School started at Kimbell Lake, Miss., Feb. 17,

1924. The Lord is blessing and the attendance is increasing, reports Mrs. W. R. Stewart, Box 240, Shaw, Miss.

Porterdale, Ga.—M. A. Parker reports: I am still at Porterdale, Ga., and don't know how long I'll be here; but the Lord is blessing many souls and giving us the victory over the devil. Three saved, one sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. We are about ready to set a Church in order here. There are six who are ready to come in now.

PICKWICK, MISS.—P. F. Fritz reports: We observed Easter here with a program rendered by the Sunday School. The first part of the program was given to songs, recitations, etc., which was fine. Following this part of the program was a sermon by the pastor, on the resurrection and appearance of Jesus to His apostles. We spread dinner together and had a wonderful feast. After dinner we had another sermon by the pastor, "Awake to righteousness and sin not." We sang the last song together, and dismissed with glad hearts.

LAKELAND, FLA.—Mrs. J. B. Daniels, reports: We are having a fine meeting here. Some are getting reclaimed; some saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. The saints talk in tongues, dance, and handle fire by the mighty power of God. Brother W. R. Hadcock is doing a great work here. He is sick now, and asks that you remember him in prayer.

## COME WITHOUT MONEY

Golda Gray  
I am glad that I can still be found on "Straight Street." Not only there; but with victory in my soul. I am really glad for this "High Way" that Isaiah spoke about and that I've had the privilege of getting in it. Hallelujah! And I have no desire of turning back. I regret that I didn't get in this way sooner.

The Lord said to the twelve: "Will ye also go away?" Then Simon Peter answered: "Lord to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life." If we could get that thought firmly fixed in our minds "Thou hast the words of eternal life;" there would be less turning away from the Lord.

If we as Christians would get settled; then our experience would vibrate out to the world and they could conceive the Word and be saved. "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will let him take the water of life freely."

This salvation is free. You can have it too—only give up this world, and come the knee route—it's free; you don't have to pay for it with gold and silver. The price has been paid on Cavalry for all. "Ho, every one that thirsteth, Come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; Come ye, buy, and eat, yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price." Isa. 55:1.

I am truly glad that I ever tasted that the Lord was good,—just like honey in the rock—wish that I could tell to the whole world, all about this wonderful Savior. Praise God! After that we have followed the Lord thus far; we will have been encouraged, so that we can accept this: "Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases." Psa. 103:3. It behooves us to live close to God and search the Scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life; and they are they that testify of me—and show forth to this world the true example of a Christian. Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness and all these things shall be added.

I've often thought of how God blessed and provided for us on our way to the Assembly. At Nashville we inquired of a man, for a place to camp during the night, and he very willingly let us in his back yard, to camp there. O! We found the prettiest camping ground. And he told us to help ourselves to the wood and water on the back porch. We felt that the Scripture was being fulfilled, "All things work together for good; to them that love the Lord."

When we follow the Lord as

## REPORT OF WAYCROSS MEETING

The Church of God District meeting of the Waycross District convened at Waresboro, Ga. March 8-9.

Brother S. W. Latimer, our State Overseer, had charge of the meeting. Services opened Saturday 10:30 A. M. with songs and prayer.

11:00 A. M. Brother J. C. Padgett, our pastor and District Overseer, delivered the Welcome Address, reading a few verses of the 4th chapter of Ephesians. He made us all feel that unity brought welcome.

Brother Latimer followed with a short talk saying that the arrangement of the tabernacle with its new sawdust floor and cleanliness made him feel welcome.

3:00 P. M. Sermon by J. Crews on Unity and Fellowship. He gave a beautiful picture of the unity of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost in Heaven; and said that we should be completely linked in the great chain of love and unity on earth.

7:00 P. M. Song, prayer and praises. 7:30 P. M. Brother Latimer took the place of Brother L. M. Smith, who was absent on account of his son's illness. He preached an interesting sermon on Doctrine of the Church.

Sunday 10:00 A. M. songs and prayer. 10:30 A. M. sermon on Sunday school omitted on the account of Brother Sweats absence.

11:00 A. M. Brother Latimer brought forth the morning message, using Intercessory Prayer for his Subject. He read the 11th chapter of Luke and used other Scriptures, making us see the need of holding on to God.

An offering was made for the State Overseer. Adjourned for noon, with dinner on the ground and plenty for all.

2:30 P. M., after good singing Brother T. D. Brogden, Jr. from Zirkle, Ga. preached on Evangelizing and made many good points. Following this Brother Latimer explained the Financial System. 6:45 P. M. Song service, prayer and testimonies led by L. M. Smith. 7:30 P. M. Sermon by Brother Latimer. Subject God and His Church.

We were made glad the way the Lord blessed throughout the entire meeting. There was weeping, shouting, dancing and talking in tongues in almost every service. The last service seemed to be the dessert, it was wonderful how God poured out His Spirit in a marvelous way, and how the saints shouted, leaped and ran for joy under the mighty power of God.

We had a good attendance though the weather was not permittable. There were many saints from different places. After hand shakings and goodbyes the saints left for their various places, with much inspiration to do more for God.

Our dearly beloved Brother Latimer left Monday A. M. for his next appointment. We were glad to have him and all the saints with us, and hope we'll meet together again soon.

Humbly,

Clyde Jeffords, clerk.

## LETTER FROM CHINA

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there was no use in her using all that time to explain it.

I do enjoy the testimony meetings so much. The Christians are all so dear and precious like dear children. Dear Sister Lee, who has been seeking the Lord so earnestly for some time, digging down, confessing her sins and paying old debts, has such a bright smiling face now and gets so happy. She is so hungry for the baptism, as also are many others. Mr. Chen and wife, who were so sweetly saved this summer, have had awful trials financially; and we have had to loan them money several times. Altogether about \$20.00 in gold as there seemed to be no other way of help for them. He formerly had a very lucrative position, and it has been very humbling to them to come down like this but God has had a purpose in it all. Now

He would have us to, we can hear and feel and know when the Lord calls. Praise God!

his father has died within the last month and left property to him, so he will be able to get along all right and repay us. I thought in the beginning that God wanted to use him as a preacher; but of course I have never mentioned anything like that to him, as I wanted him to keep his eyes on the Lord, and continue to pray and seek Him until he is really prepared. As I say, it is very different from the people at home, they can quickly become preachers there, but here where they have to be untaught so much first, and then they have known nothing of the Bible before, it is not easy. Then who is to teach them? I cannot do so much work myself, so dear friends, I see no other way but for you to send out preachers from home.

Today, as I went along the street, I thought that among all the musicians at home I wondered if some of them had not felt called to come out to China, for I thought of the crowds we could get if we had some music. There is usually so much noise of the squeaking wheel-barrows, etc. on the street it is hard to hear, but if we had some real music how the people would gather. Our little organ has been worn out for several months.

It is certainly hard to understand why no workers have come out when we have made appeal after appeal. I know the Holy Spirit has talked to many hearts, but most important of all, Jesus has said "Go ye." What we want is some old experienced workers and not young ones without experience, some of that kind sprinkled along in with some of the other kind to fill in will do, but we don't want any under twenty-five years old. They should be tried out at home, be able to stand trials and tests before they come out here, and able to really hold services and pray souls through, and not just merely get up and make a nice sounding talk.

We need your prayers more than we can tell you, and trust that the Spirit will often bring us to your remembrance. Also don't forget to write to us often, and don't wait for us to answer; as we have so many to write to it is hard to get around. When you go to Camp Meeting and the folks all get to shouting, call a prayer meeting and get them down to praying for a lost world, and to searching to see what they can do to help get souls saved.

My heart was made so sad as I went around in America and saw so many who were so worldly in their dress and appearance. The short skirts were a disgrace and many used quantities of powder, wore low necks, ridiculously thin waists with short sleeves, silk stockings and the hair fixed so worldly and un-pilgrim like. I'll tell you dear ones, we have got to meet God some day, and if we have not walked in the light that He has given us I don't believe we will be ready when Jesus comes, what do you think about it? This is a strait and narrow way, and the doctrine and teaching of the Church of God is sufficient to get us ready and keep us ready, but if we are not faithful to souls God will hold us accountable in that day that is coming. What we need is more old time holiness preaching,

that is, to give that subject the preeminence in our meetings. I am wondering if souls dig down in the good old fashion way like they used to. It seemed to me that many got through too easy, and there is great danger in people getting another spirit and not the Holy Spirit if they don't dig down and clean up. O it pays to hold souls down to seeking until they get through. I believe Brother Lemons' article in the last Evangel about too much talk is the finest I have read in a long time. God wants to get us back to the Old Lines. O praise His precious name!

Do pray for us, dear ones, for we do need it so bad. We do want to go all the way with Jesus and be true and faithful 'till He comes.

In His loving service,  
J. B. Rushin.

## COLORED WORK CONVENTION

West Coast District Convention of the colored work met in conference at Sanford, Fla., with Brother David LaFleur, Overseer, as moderator.

On Thursday afternoon on the first day of the convention we felt the presence of the Lord. Each service got better and better till on Sunday we had the fullness of God's glory with us.

We had a good delegation from the churches which are as follows: Orlando 25, Clermont 6, Wildwood 2, St. Petersburg 1, Haines City 3, Winter Garden 14, and Sanford 51. The representatives of each church responded cheerfully and we certainly had a good time.

The business service was in perfect harmony. Brother G. A. Sapp was ordained Deacon, and appointed district pastor, and Brother V. P. Bronson superintendent of Sunday School work. Brother Leo Cooper was appointed district clerk, Sister Annie B. Sutton, district treasurer, and Sister Ethel Coleman was appointed chairman of the orphanage work.

It was recommended by the convention that Brother G. A. Sapp take the names of all wishing to take the Bible course.

The following are the names of appointed pastors: W. M. Tarver, St. Petersburg; Jeremiah Jones, Wildwood and Citra; Simon Kenard, Hines City; S. N. McFarland, Winter Garden, and Clermont; G. C. Sapp, Sanford; and Leo Cooper, Orlando.

After prayer and instructions we had a closing sermon by Brother John H. Curry.

## "GO YE"

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and zeal for the missionary cause that we will wake up, and stir ourselves till we will be glad to deny ourselves; and cause us to think of some way to make more money for the missionary cause. Some have missionary hens, missionary patches, missionary quilts. May God help us all to see our duty and give us grace to do it as unto Him.—Lorena Cotton, 515 E. Park Ave., Tampa, Fla.

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